

Attorney Docket No.: MULLE205

Date: August

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant:

De Heus, E.

Application Number:

09/230,001

Filing Date:

May 18, 1999

Title:

STERILIZATION APPARATUS

Examiner Name:

Thornton, K.

Group Art Unit:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Mail Stop RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- () Previously submitted:
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on . ()
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on . ()

(X) Enclosed:

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(X) Amendment After RCE.

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Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. (X)

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2. Miscellaneous:

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).
- Fees: 3.
 - (X) RCE fee (\$375 small entity/\$750 large entity)

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- () Fee for suspension (\$130)
- (X) Extension of Time fee:
 - () One Month (\$55/\$110)
 - () Two Month (\$205/\$410)
 - (X) Three Month ($\frac{$465}{$930}$)
- 4. Payment:
 - (X) Check in the amount of \$840 to cover the above fees.
 - (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following communication is an amendment responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 12, 2003 (Paper No. 15), filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows: